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Secretary Abraham Expresses Appreciation to Dr. John McTague
UC VP of National Laboratories Retires

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham praised the contributions of outgoing University of California Vice President of Laboratory Management John McTague today.

"John has made many contributions to the Department of Energy," Abraham said. "He was the first chairman of the Laboratory Operations Board and served on the first Secretary's Energy Advisory Board. We are indebted to John for his role in leading the University of California's efforts to improve its management of our department's Lawrence Berkeley, Lawrence Livermore, and Los Alamos National Laboratories."

Two University of California managed labs, Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos, are overseen by the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), a semi-autonomous agency of the Department of Energy.

NNSA Acting Administrator Linton Brooks also had kind words for McTague after his retirement was announced.

"Our national laboratories are the backbone of our national security research and development, and John helped strengthen the management at those run by the University of California. We will miss John's leadership," Brooks said.

McTague announced his intention to return to the classroom once a successor is appointed. He holds the position of professor of materials at University of California, Santa Barbara.

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